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Sixty-Third Commencement

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The MSSU Bookstore in Billingsly Student Center will be open from 9 A.M. - 1 P.M. for your convenience and a Spirit Store is available near the main entrance of Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

KGCS and the student broadcast group, the National Broadcasting Society, will produce DVD copies of today's ceremony. Order forms are available on the program tables located at the entrances.

While every effort is made to ensure accuracy in this program, graduation filing deadlines, printing deadlines and degree audit adjustments can prevent inclusion of graduates' names or may result in publishing names of individuals not completing degree requirements. This program, therefore, should not be used to determine a student's official academic or degree status.

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Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance"	Elgar
	<i>Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble</i>
National Anthem	Presentation of Colors
	<i>ShowMe GOLD Color Guard</i>
Welcome and Introductions	Dr. Alan Marble
	<i>President, Missouri Southern State University</i>
Commencement Speaker	Kevin Williams
	<i>CFO and Treasurer of Monett, Missouri-based Jack Henry & Associates</i>
Presentation of Class	Dr. Pat Lipira
	<i>Vice President for Academic Affairs, Missouri Southern State University</i>
Conferring of Graduate Degrees	Dr. Alan Marble
Master's Hooding	Representatives from University of Missouri-Kansas City
	Northwest Missouri State University
	Southeast Missouri State University
	Dr. Tia Strait
	<i>Dean, School of Health Sciences, Missouri Southern State University</i>
	Dr. Al Cade
	<i>Dean, School of Education, Missouri Southern State University</i>
	Dr. Richard Miller
	<i>Dean, School of Arts & Sciences, Missouri Southern State University</i>
<u>Presentation of Baccalaureate and Associate Degrees</u>	
Conferring of Bachelor and Associate Degrees	Dr. Alan Marble
Presentation of Diplomas	
Introduction of Degree Candidates	Mr. Jeff Skibbe
	<i>General Manager, 88.7KXMS/Fine Arts Radio International, Missouri Southern State University</i>
Congratulatory Remarks	Dr. Michael Garoutte
	<i>President, Faculty Senate, Missouri Southern State University</i>
Announcement of Academic Honors	Dr. Pat Lipira
Turning of the Tassel	Mr. Mark Lloyd, '99
	<i>Dean of Engagement and Retention</i>
	<i>President, Missouri Southern Alumni Association Board of Directors</i>
MSSU Alma Mater (See page 16)	Amelia Markley
	<i>K-12 Vocal and Instrumental Music Education, Joplin</i>
Recessional "Sine Nomine"	R.V. Williams & E. Rosenberg
	<i>Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble</i>

Please remain standing until recessional is completed. • Please turn off all beepers/cell phones

About Our Speaker



Kevin Williams is Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of Monett, Missouri-based Jack Henry & Associates (NASDAQ: JKHY), a leading provider of computer systems and electronic payment solutions primarily for financial services organizations. With more than 40 locations across the United States, JHA serves over 11,300 clients and employs approximately 5,600 associates.

Williams began his career in 1987 at the Joplin, MO office of BKD, LLP, where he passed the CPA exam and rose to the level of Senior Manager. Jack Henry & Associates was one of his clients at BKD, and in July of 1998 he decided to join JHA as Corporate Controller.

He was named Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer in January 2001, and in his role is directly responsible for accounting, finance, treasury, Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filings, tax filings, investor relations, and the Travel and Corporate Services departments.

Williams was born and raised in Nevada, MO and later attended Missouri Southern State University where he graduated in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration – emphasis in Accounting. For years he has served on the MSSU School of Business Advisory Board, helping guide its strong reputation as a top business school. He received the MSSU “Outstanding Alumni Award” in 2007. Additionally, Williams has served on the board of several not-for-profit organizations, from small local organizations to one international organization.

Williams lives in Monett with his wife, Toni, and their daughter, Tallie. He enjoys spending time with his family, traveling, golf, snow skiing, bicycling, watching sports, and officiating at swim meets throughout the year.

Cooperative Graduate Programs

Missouri Southern State University/Northwest Missouri State University

Master of Science in Education

Ball, Holly Lynn
Instructional Technology
Joplin

Curtis, Amanda Erin
Instructional Technology
Webb City

Davidson, Jessica Carol
Instructional Technology
Joplin

Missouri Southern State University/Southeast Missouri State University

Master of Science in Criminal Justice

Love, Mateja Sianna
Criminal Justice
St. Louis

Powell, Monte Selvan
Criminal Justice
Temecula, CA

Ruckman, Joshua David
Criminal Justice
Omaha, NE

Missouri Southern State University/University of Missouri-Kansas City

Master of Science in Nursing

Baker, Sarah R.
Nursing
Webb City

Copeland, Kelly E.
Nursing
Nixa

Stanley, Peggy L.
Nursing
Siloam Springs, AR

Benford, Ashley Michelle
Nursing
Joplin

Monnig, Cira Clement
Nursing
Ozark

Stites, Rae L.
Nursing
Anderson

Byrd, Natasha Nicole
Nursing
Webb City

Norman, Somer A.
Nursing
Republic

Chambers, Christine A.
Nursing
Joplin

Schatz, Nathan Philip
Nursing
Springfield

Conner, Christine Elizabeth
Nursing
Webb City

Snowden, Seth Ryan
Nursing
Republic

Candidates for Honors & Degrees

Baccalaureate Degrees

Summa Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Benton, Jacob ‡

Davidson, BriAnna

Harper, James

Larson, Ashley ‡ †

Lemon, Vanessa

McFarland, Ashleigh

Miller, Lindsey

Russell, Molly ‡

Schmidt, Gretel

Sneed, Chelsea

Stump, Ethan ‡

Thompson, Raycee

Witt, Rondle

Magna Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Blackburn, Brandon

Bott, Mary

Cummins, Shelby †

Gibbs, Melissa

Gonzalez, Amber

Grab, Logan

Hammons, Elizabeth †

Karki, Sushant

Otero, Jason

Roelfsema, Toby

Starr-Kercheval, Chase †

Sullivan, Shelby

Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Aton, Candice

Bailey, Donald

Bandy, Nicole

Coltress, Kelsey

Cox, Chase

Denefrio, Jordan

Holland, Matthew

Monroe, Bradley

Morgan, Lea

Phillips, Addy J. *

Pulsipher, Matthew

Rearrick, Dianna

Thompson, Sarah

Young, Keshia

Associate Degrees

First Honors

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Harper, James

Miller, Lindsey

Second Honors

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Otero, Jason

Third Honors

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Bailey, Donald

School of Arts & Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

Blackburn, Jessica Hope English-Literary Studies, English-Creative Writing Colorado Springs, CO	Gregory, Lindsey Ann Art-Visual Joplin	Peterson, Linda F. Sociology Canada	Velez, Haley Renae Chemistry Joplin
Cruzan, Kyle John International Studies Joplin	Leiser, Dawn Theatre Reeds	Pulsipher, Matthew Wells Spanish Joplin	Webber, Austin International Studies Joplin
Denefrio, Jordan Bethany International Studies Carthage	Morgan, Lea Sydney French Joplin	Reaves, Samantha Lea English-Prof/Tech Writing, English-Literary Studies Webb City	Wilson, Edmund Gipson History Joplin
Dirks, Quinn P. Music Joplin	Morton, Ashley Ann Spanish Duenweg	Tao, Zhengyuan Music China	
Freeborn, Ericka Nicole Spanish Joplin	Page, Brittainy Marie International Studies Springfield	Topel, Katie Jo French, International Studies Duenweg	

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Baumann, Devon Lauren Art-Studio Joplin	McDonald, Jacque Lynn Art-Studio Reeds
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Bachelor of Science

Aton, Candice LeAnn Biology Webb City	Benton, Jacob Tyler ‡ Biology Wentzville	Boyer, Johnny Lee Political Science Joplin	Bynum, Lauren Brittany Biology Joplin
Ayres, Stephanie Jo Criminal Justice Administration, Juvenile Justice Carthage	Bentz, Thomas Jeffrey Criminal Justice Administration Neosho	Brown, Eldon Willis Communication-Mass Joplin	Carlson, Christopher A. Criminal Justice Administration Big Cabin, OK
Bailey, Brendan Patrick Biology Joplin	Bishop, Wesley Matthew Criminal Justice Administration Polo	Buckley, David Harold Criminal Justice Administration Neosho	Chavez, Rebecca Susanne Environmental Health Elizabethtown, KY
Bailey, Donald G., Jr. Criminal Justice Administration Pittsburg, KS	Boswell, Jason Allen Environmental Health and Safety Grove, OK	Burnham, Nicholas John Communication-Mass St Louis	Davidson, BriAnna Lynn Biology Carl Junction

Davis, Jessica Ann Sociology Carthage	Keller, Jarret D. Biology Owensville	Moore, Evan Juvenile Justice Joplin	Swann, Ines Lea Political Science Neosho
Eggerman, Jacob Criminal Justice Administration Joplin	Kirk, Jennifer Lynne Criminal Justice Administration Centerton, AR	Moore, Ronald Dean Criminal Justice Administration Neosho	Taylor, Anthony Joe Criminal Justice Administration Mount Vernon
Evans, Tonya Kay Criminal Justice Administration Sulphur Springs, TX	Knox, Alicia Diane Criminal Justice Administration Goodman	Mullins, Kristin Nichole Chemistry Joplin	Terry, Tyler M. Chemistry Joplin
Fleming, Nyzera Criminal Justice Administration Montclair, NJ	Kyle, Nicholas John Political Science Baxter Springs, KS	Murphy, Shira Anne Communication-Mass Neosho	Vance, Belinda Lacoule Criminal Justice Administration Cassville
Francis, Shavonne Michele Sociology Joplin	Lancaster, Tara Jo Criminal Justice Administration Quapaw, OK	Norwood, Kylee Melissa Biology Carthage	Veach, McKenzie E. Environmental Health and Safety Lenexa, KS
Garavaglia, Michael Leonard Criminal Justice Administration St Louis	Lang, Terry W. Criminal Justice Administration Riverton, KS	O'Donnell, Abriel Ann Biology Joplin	Velez, Haley Renae Environmental Health and Safety Joplin
Gibson, Lloyd Eugene Criminal Justice Administration/ Computer Forensics Nevada	Laster, Jacob Dylan Criminal Justice Administration Joplin	Pope, Erica Suzette Biology Carl Junction	Wagner, Crystal Ann Criminal Justice Administration, Juvenile Justice Duenweg
Gordon, Mark Wayne Jr. Criminal Justice Administration Webb City	Lowe, Michael David Physics Neosho	Seaton, Jacob Albert Physics Nunn, CO	Wawrzyniak, Megan Marie Sociology Joplin
Hanes, Michael Jay Political Science Joplin	McDaniel, Kaleigh Jean Criminal Justice Administration Joplin	Shannon-Dudolski, Kristen Marie Juvenile Justice Carthage	Wickham, Jason Patrick Criminal Justice Administration Neosho
Harper, James Clinton Criminal Justice Administration Willow Springs	Maier, Nicholas Andreas * Criminal Justice Administration Redwood, CA	Simkin, Jenny Lynn Sociology Joplin	Wicks, Marcus Dwayne Criminal Justice Administration Wichita Falls, TX
Haut, Emily Jordan Biology Carthage	Marriott, Morgan Lee Criminal Justice Administration Stover	Simpson, Dominique Roshaud Criminal Justice Administration Mayflower, AR	Wilson, Michelle D. Juvenile Justice Logan, UT
Heidlage, Jessica Lea Biology, Environmental Health and Safety Pierce City	Mendell, Derek S. Biology Carthage	Smith, Brittany Kay Criminal Justice Administration Republic	Winn, Mikel Adison Communication-Public Relations Joplin
Hufham, Chelsea Dawn Criminal Justice Administration Waxahachie, TX	Miller, Lindsey M. Criminal Justice Administration Shawnee, KS	Smith, Mandolin Elizabeth Biology Carthage	Yang, Nhia Sociology Purdy
Jones, John Criminal Justice Administration Joplin	Mitchell, John D. Biology Joplin	Steele, Shance Colton Environmental Health and Safety Stockton	
Karki, Sushant Math/CIS-Computational Math Nepal	Monroe, Bradley Sean Biology Carl Junction	Stump, Ethan Matthew ‡ Communication-Mass Oronogo	

Associate of Science

Ayres, Stephanie Jo

Law Enforcement
Carthage

Garavaglia, Michael Leonard

Law Enforcement
St Louis

Laster, Jacob Dylan

Law Enforcement
Joplin

Taylor, Anthony Joe

Law Enforcement
Mount Vernon

Bailey, Donald G., Jr.

Law Enforcement
Pittsburg, KS

Gibson, Lloyd Eugene

Law Enforcement
Nevada

McDaniel, Kaleigh Jean

Law Enforcement
Joplin

Vance, Belinda Lacoule

Law Enforcement
Cassville

Bentz, Thomas Jeffrey

Law Enforcement
Neosho

Gordon, Mark Wayne Jr.

Law Enforcement
Webb City

Maier, Nicholas Andreas *

Law Enforcement
Redwood, CA

Wagner, Crystal Ann

Law Enforcement
Duenweg

Bishop, Wesley Matthew

Law Enforcement
Polo

Harper, James Clinton

Law Enforcement
Willow Springs

Marriott, Morgan Lee

Law Enforcement
Stover

Wickham, Jason Patrick

Law Enforcement
Neosho

Buckley, David Harold

Law Enforcement
Neosho

Hufham, Chelsea Dawn

Law Enforcement
Waxahachie, TX

Miller, Lindsey M.

Law Enforcement
Shawnee, KS

Wicks, Marcus Dwayne

Law Enforcement
Wichita Falls, TX

Carlson, Christopher A.

Law Enforcement
Big Cabin, OK

Jones, John

Law Enforcement
Joplin

Moore, Ronald Dean

Law Enforcement
Neosho

Wilson, Michelle D.

Law Enforcement
Logan, UT

Eggerman, Jacob

Law Enforcement
Joplin

Knox, Alicia Diane

Law Enforcement
Goodman

Shannon-Dudolski, Kristen Marie

Law Enforcement
Carthage

Evans, Tonya Kay

Law Enforcement
Sulphur Springs, TX

Lancaster, Tara Jo

Law Enforcement
Quapaw, OK

Simpson, Dominique Roshaud

Law Enforcement
Mayflower, AR

Fleming, Nyzera

Law Enforcement
Montclair, NJ

Lang, Terry W.

Law Enforcement
Riverton, KS

Smith, Brittany Kay

Law Enforcement
Republic

General Studies

Bachelor of General Studies

Allender, Toni E. General Studies Joplin	Ezell, Derek Christopher General Studies Lee's Summit	King, Karsyn Ivy General Studies Joplin	Piatt, David General Studies Neodesha, KS
Baker, Theron A. General Studies Joplin	Farrell, Brooklyn Symone General Studies Webb City	Kwapiszeski, Melissa General Studies Goodman	Rayos, Kristen Leigh General Studies Edmond, OK
Bangs, Kayla Ann General Studies Pea Ridge, AR	Forsythe, Melissa Joyce General Studies Joplin	Lynch, Emily Nicole General Studies Webb City	Samaraweera, Sathsaranee General Studies Sri Lanka
Berry, Johnny D. * General Studies Picayune, MS	Gibbs, Melissa Marie General Studies Nevada	Mayden, Chance Steven General Studies Lockwood	Schneider, Tara M. General Studies Joplin
Bragg, Lindsey Nicole General Studies Joplin	Haskins, Krista Lynn General Studies Joplin	Mosley, Paula Kay General Studies Granby	Vaughn, Stephen Martin General Studies Guyton, GA
Centeno, Christina Marie General Studies Tinley Park, IL	Holland, Kara Lynne General Studies Poplar Bluff	Nixon, Kendra D. General Studies Joplin	Yassa, Edward Youssef General Studies Springfield
Curtright, Jackson Douglas General Studies McPherson, KS	Holland, Matthew Woodrow General Studies Joplin	Pearson, Courtney C. General Studies Joplin	
Davis, Lori Lynn General Studies Wentworth	James, Emily Anne General Studies Chesterfield, MI	Phillips, Beau Chandler General Studies Springfield	

Robert W. Plaster School of Business

Bachelor of Science

Anderson, Steven Linville
Industrial Engineering Technology
Joplin

Baker, Jeffrey David
CIS-Information Technology
Aurora

Carlsen, Aaron
Industrial Engineering Technology
Carl Junction

Creswell, Travis Thomas
Industrial Engineering Technology
Joplin

Ferguson, Morgan Scott
Industrial Engineering Technology
Joplin

Karki, Sushant
CIS/MATH-Computational Math
Nepal

Mengel, Matt Reed
Industrial Engineering Technology
Webb City

Otero, Jason Timothy
CIS-Information Systems
Carthage

Parker, Dennis Michael, Jr.
CIS-Information Technology
Altamont, KS

Robertson, Keith Austin
CIS-Information Technology
Joplin

Smith, Isaiah J.
Industrial Engineering Technology
Joplin

Thompson, Tami Lynn
CIS-Information Technology
Joplin

Watson, Frank Dewayne, Jr.
CIS-Information Technology
Neosho

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Ayton, Scott Kenneth
Management
Joplin

Baldassarre, Alexandra Marie
Human Resource Management,
Management, Marketing
Webb City

Beck, Jessica D.
Accounting
Neosho

Bingham, Christopher Allen
Management
Petal, MS

Blackwell, Michael Wayne
Accounting
Ash Grove

Blizzard, Brent Lee
Management
Joplin

Blizzard, Caitlin N.
Human Resource Management,
Management
Carthage

Bloch, Sara Nichole
Human Resource Management
St Louis

Bullard, Michael Robert
Marketing
Oswego, KS

Caby, Austin Tanner
International Business
Webb City

Calton, Zachary H.
Finance
Joplin

Cox, Chase T.
Marketing
Joplin

Farmer, Cameron Alan
Accounting
Pineville

Foulks, Erika Jill
Accounting
Webb City

Fry, Kaycia Renee
Accounting
Lamar

Gartman, Pamela Jolene
Accounting
Lamar

George, Perline Messadis
Certified Global Business
Professional, Management
British Virgin Islands

Giarratano, Anthony Robert
Marketing
Joplin

Gilbert, Tiffani Leann
Accounting
Joplin

Golden, Kristi K.
Management
Nevada

Gonzalez, Amber Lee
International Business
Neosho

Hanlon, Gage Patrick
Marketing
Joplin

Hargrove, Molly Elizabeth
Accounting
Sherwood, AR

Hilton, Marissa Anne
General Business
Aurora

Hollars, James Lee, Jr.
Management
Webb City

Hurd, Travis A.
Marketing
Branford, CT

Jeffries, Joel Bowen
Marketing
Nevada

Jensen, Jade Marie
Accounting, Management
Joplin

Kiger, Matthew Alan
International Business
Santa Maria, CA

King, Sheila
Accounting
Diamond

Kolkmeyer, Dane A.
Management
Joplin

Landes, Nicki N.
Human Resource Management
Webb City

Laughlin, Tiffany Rose Human Resource Management, Management Florissant	Myers, Christina Ann General Business Joplin	Sbravatti, Nelson Antonio Ribeiro International Business Brazil	Street, Caleb Wade International Business, Management Goodman
Lavore, Jennifer Maile Accounting Joplin	Parsons, Kelsey Dawn Human Resource Management, Management Fort Scott, KS	Severs, Hannah Victoria Human Resource Management, Management Granby	Stump, Megan Nicole Management Jasper
Leibbrandt, Cynthia Renae Management Neosho	Patton, Megan Marie Human Resource Management, Management, Marketing Miami, OK	Sirmon, Jennings Bryan Management Joplin	Thompson, Grant Marshall Marketing Galena, KS
Lind, Chad Charles Management Neosho	Pattysom, Lacy Anne Accounting Republic	Smith-Jones, Cassandra K. Human Resource Management, Management, Marketing Savannah	Thompson, Raycee Kay Accounting Joplin
Lindsey, Sharon Joanne Management Joplin	Payne, Tyla Jolene Accounting Joplin	Smith, Severiano E. General Business Webb City	Walker, Missy Ann Accounting Carl Junction
Mansfield, Steven Nicholas Marketing Bella Vista, AR	Pekarek, Sarah Beth Accounting Joplin	Sosa, Irvin Avidan International Business, Management Fayetteville, AR	Westerhouse, William C. Finance and Economics Joplin
Marrs, Deborah Lynn Human Resource Management Neosho	Plank, Brandon Allen Management Lamar	Stehm, Clayton Seth Management Joplin	Westfield, Anthony Blaine, Jr. Human Resource Management Neosho
Meadows, Kasey Rachelle Accounting Branson	Pulsipher, Matthew Wells Marketing Joplin	Stelts, Bret Management Carl Junction	Williams, Amanda Beth Management, Marketing Farmington
Miller, Adam Leigh Human Resource Management, Management Carl Junction	Rickey, Shelley DeAnn Human Resource Management Webb City	Stephens, Maxwell H. L. Human Resource Management, Management Stella	Wilson, Seager Dalton Accounting Madison, AL
Montgomery, Jessica G. Human Resource Management, Management Webb City	Ross, Anna Ranae Accounting, Management Miami	Strait, Melissa Renee Marketing Vernal, UT	Witt, Rondle L. Marketing Appleton City
Moore, Ashley Diane Accounting Diamond			Wolfe, Austin D. Human Resource Management, Management, Marketing Olathe, KS

Associate of Science

Baker, Jeffrey David CIS-Information Systems Aurora	Irwin, Jory Dean DDET-Drafting Design Eng Tech Lamar	Otero, Jason Timothy CIS-Information Systems Carthage	Thompson, Tami Lynn CIS-Information Systems Joplin
Canfield, Samuel Quin CIS-Information Systems Cassville	Law, Jacob Christian DDET-Drafting Design Eng Tech Joplin	Parker, Dennis Michael, Jr. CIS-Information Systems Altamont, KS	Watson, Frank Dewayne, Jr. CIS-Information Systems Neosho
Carlsen, Aaron Manufacturing Engineering Technology Carl Junction	Mengel, Matt Reed Manufacturing Engineering Technology Webb City	Robertson, Keith Austin CIS-Information Systems Joplin	

School of Education

Bachelor of Arts

Burkett, Cheyla Brielle
Psychology
Joplin

Hatz, Caleb Joseph
Psychology
Elkland

Bachelor of Science

Blackburn, Brandon Lee
Psychology
Cherryvale, KS

Geraghty, Lauren
Health Promotion and Wellness
Overland Park, KS

Larson, Ashley Grace ‡†
Psychology
Seneca

Starr-Kercheval, Chase Alexander †
Psychology
Joplin

Brossman, Meghan Nicole
Psychology
Joplin

Green, M. Justin
Psychology
Neosho

Prentice Raybourn, Amy Elizabeth
Psychology
Powell

White, Kelly Kendra
Psychology
Joplin

Carlson, Rebekah Irene *
Psychology
Carthage

Johnson, Megan Danelle
Health Promotion and Wellness
Carl Junction

Rearrick, Dianna Lea
Psychology
Webb City

Woods, Jason Robert
Psychology
Chanute, KS

Bachelor of Science in Education

Alsenz, Elizabeth
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Joplin

Bott, Mary Catherine
Elementary Education-Special Education
Liberal

Collins, Mollie Kathryn
K-12 Education-Physical Education
Springdale, AR

DuRossette, Erica Jordan
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Joplin

Arens, Dakoda Lee
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Bronaugh

Bresee, Sarah Beth
Middle School Education-Social Studies
Seneca

Coltress, Kelsey Jo
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Lawton, KS

Easter, Chelsey Leigh
Elementary Education-Early Childhood
Carl Junction

Bandy, Nicole A.
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Joplin

Brown, Chloe Brianna

Crum, Jessica Nicole
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Carthage

Fields, Stacy Renee
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Hollister

Barlett, Rachel Danae
K-12 Education-Vocal
Webb City

K-12 Education-Physical Education

Cummins, Shelby Renee †

Secondary Education-English
Neosho

Fortner, Nathan Ryan
K-12 Education-Physical Education
Seneca

Bennett, Paden Robert
K-12 Education-Physical Education
Joplin

Springdale, AR
Middle School Education-Science
Neosho

Dolan, Christopher Allen
K-12 Education-Physical Education
Fort Smith, AR

Goldschmidt, David Edward
Middle School Education-Math
Monett

Carlin, Cody W.
Middle School Education-Science
Neosho

Collard, Alicia Rae
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Ozark

Grab, Logan Reanee Secondary Education-English Anderson	Kendrick, Cassy Marie K-12 Education-Physical Education Ponca City, OK	Praytor, Lesia K. Middle School Education- Science/Math Grove, OK	Thompson, Sarah Kristen Elementary Education- Special Education Joplin
Graham, Katelyn Michelle Elementary Education-Social Studies Carthage	Kimbrough, Melanie Elaine Elementary Education- English/Language Arts Miami, OK	Roelfsema, Toby Abram Secondary Education-English Seneca	Vore, Adam R. Middle School-Science Decatur, AR
Graves, Felicia Denise K-12 Education-Instrumental Diamond	Lampe, Brittany Erin Secondary Education-Biology Carthage	Russell, Molly Jolene Suzanne † Elementary Education- English/Language Arts Jasper	Whitley, Dana Michelle Elementary Education-Language Arts Blanchard, OK
Hammons, Elizabeth A. † K-12 Education-Spanish Smithville	Lankford, Sara Secondary Education-English Bentonville, AR	Schmidt, Gretel Katrinia Elementary Education- Social Studies Neosho	Williams, Curtis M. K-12 Education-Physical Education Independence
Harris, Casey Patrese Middle School Education-Science Purdy	Lemon, Vanessa Nicole Elementary Education- Early Childhood Nevada	Smith, Taylor Jane Elementary Education-Social Studies Webb City	Young, Keshia Leann Elementary Education- English/Language Arts Monett
Henderson, Trenten Xavier Secondary Education-English Joplin	McFarland, Ashleigh Taylor K-12 Education-Physical Education Rio Vista, TX	Sneed, Chelsea Anne Elementary Education-Social Studies Seligman	
Hensley, Rachel Ann Elementary Education-Social Studies Joplin	Michel, Katy Elementary Education-Social Studies Neosho	Stinnett, Aimee Michelle Elementary Education-Social Studies Webb City	
Holloway, Megan Katharina Elementary Education-Social Studies Joplin	Nichols, Elizabeth Marie Elementary Education-Social Studies Joplin	Sullivan, Shelby Rae Elementary Education-Social Studies Webb City	
Huff, Kristin Nicole Elementary Education- English/Language Arts Webb City	Owens, Zack D. K-12 Education-Physical Education Joplin	Tackett, Steven Michael Elementary Education-Social Studies Carl Junction	
Julian, Jessica Ann Elementary Education-Social Studies Lockwood	Phillips, Addy J. * K-12 Education-Instrumental Clever		

School of Health Sciences

Bachelor of Science

Carpenter, Jay Cary
Health Science
Webb City

Eagan, Kayla Dawn
Health Science
Seligman

Obeto, Jude
Health Science
Nigeria

Smith, Staci J.
Health Science
Carl Junction

Cole, Casey Nicole
Health Science
Webb City

Massey, Tara-Lyn Michelle
Health Science
Ash Grove

Schulze, Kelsey Erin
Health Science
Moundville

Smith, Twyla J.
Health Science
Republic

Dobbins, Lisa Marie
Health Science
Garfield, AR

Montoya, Jessica
Health Science
Rogers, AR

Skahan, Kylee Jo
Health Science
Meriden, KS

Tucker, Chelsea Nicole
Health Science
Bentonville, AR

Graduates Who Have Studied Abroad

Baumann, Devon Sweden	Freeborn, Ericka Ecuador	McDonald, Jacque Sweden	Sosa, Irvin Italy
Brown, Chloe Belize	George, Perline Italy	Morgan, Lea Canada	Starr-Kercheval, Chase Belize
Brown, Eldon France	Gonzalez, Amber Italy	Morton, Ashley Ecuador	Street, Caleb Italy
Burnham, Nicholas France	Graves, Felicia Italy	Nichols, Elizabeth Belize	Sullivan, Shelby Belize
Caby, Austin Italy	Gregory, Lindsey Sweden	O'Donnell, Abriel Ann United Kingdom	Tao, Zhengyuan China
Conner, Christy British Virgin Islands	Hammons, Elizabeth Spain/Turkey	Page, Brittainy Japan	Thompson, Raycee Italy
Cox, Chase China	Henderson, Trenten France	Phillips, Addy Italy	Topel, Katie France
Cruzan, Kyle Japan	Holland, Matthew Germany	Pulsipher, Matthew Ecuador	Webber, Austin Japan
Cummins, Shelby England	Karki, Sushant Japan	Robertson, Keith Ecuador	
Denefrio, Jordan Argentina	Larson, Ashley Belize	Sbravatti, Nelson Italy	

Points of Pride

HR program celebrates SHRM alignment



A ribbon-cutting was held on Nov. 14 in the atrium of Cornell Auditorium to announce that the HR program at Missouri Southern State University has aligned with the Society for Human Resource Management's educational focus.

The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) recently announced that the university's Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Management with Human Resource Management Emphasis degree fully aligns with the organization's "HR Curriculum and Guidebook Templates."

The ribbon-cutting event also served as the kickoff for the Center for Entrepreneurship's observance of Global Entrepreneurship Week. Five days of activities were offered, from sessions on getting the most out of tax planning and using LinkedIn to writing a successful business plan.

Drumline keeps the beat at World Series



The drumline at Missouri Southern helped keep the beat for the Kansas City Royals as the team took on the San Francisco Giants during the World Series.

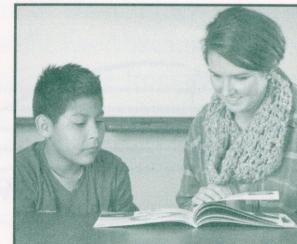
The 17 members of the Royal Thunder – which includes current students and alumni – entertained audiences at tailgate and pre-game activities, as well as during the first, second and sixth games of the series at Kauffman Stadium.

During the Royals' 2011 season, the group served as the team's official drumline throughout the regular season and during the All-Star Game. In September, they were invited to perform at Kauffman Stadium for the playoff game versus the Oakland A's – the team's first postseason game in nearly 30 years.

Brian Fronzaglia, interim head of the Music Department and director of athletic bands, said the invitation was "an incredible experience."

"The cool thing about this is we were the premiere drumline for the team in 2011, we were the first drumline to play at an All-Star Game and we were the first to play at the World Series," he said. "Our students had an opportunity that no other university or program in the world can claim."

Elementary students receive reading instruction



For the second year, students from two Joplin elementary schools are coming to Missouri Southern to receive extra help in developing reading skills.

Nearly 50 students from McKinley and Irving Elementary are brought to campus one afternoon each week to work with students in the teacher education program.

"It serves as a practicum for Education 343/470 courses," said Dr. Deborah Brown, professor of teacher education. "Our students get experience in administering assessments and delivering reading instruction to them in small groups."

Brown said that the sessions also allow for one-on-one work as well as group learning.

"By having the students come here, it accomplishes two things," she said. "It keeps our students here in the building and it gives the kids an early exposure to Missouri Southern."

Ribbon cuttings held during center dedication



During this fall's dedication ceremony for the Julio S. León Health Sciences Center, several others were recognized for their contributions to the continued success of the program.

Ribbon cuttings were held for McCune-Brooks Healthcare Foundation Nursing Department, the Pat & Carolyn Phelps Interdisciplinary Simulation Center and the John & Joy Cragin Computer Lab. The Gail & Russell Smith II Endowment for Technical Services Writing was also announced. W. Robert Corley, for whom the Dental Hygiene Clinic is named, was also in attendance.

Also recognized for their contributions to the project were Leland and Donna Browne, Dr. Larry and Elizabeth Deffenbaugh, Dr. DeLores and Jim Honey, Anthony and Maridan Kassab, Richard and Teresa Massa, Dr. Charles McGinty, Myron and Janet McKinney, Sara Newman, Mike, Lee and Emma Pound, Bill and Cindy Putnam, Cynthia Schwab, the Sharp Family and Dr. John and Barbara Windle.

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Words by Mary Laird,
Class of '39

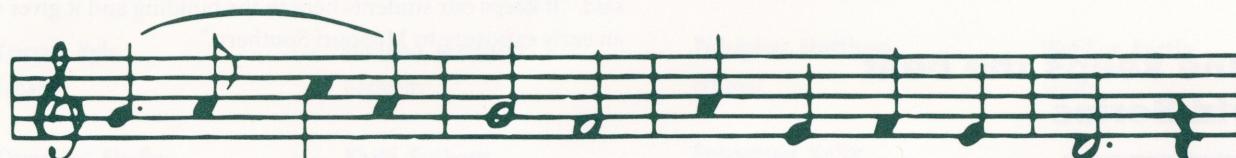
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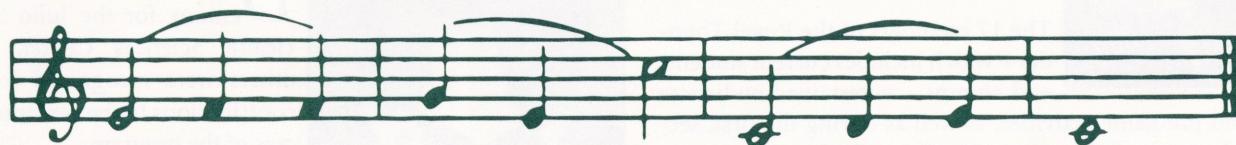
Our Al - ma Ma - - ter, we ho - nor thee,



shap - ing and guid - ing our de - sti - ny.



Af - ter we have part - ed as the years roll by;



we'll keep each me - mo - ry hail, hail to thee.



Missouri Southern State University's "Alma Mater" was drafted during the Joplin Junior College second year by a group that included Mary Laird, Joan Epperson, Enos Currey, Ellen Beasley and Emerson Jackson. Laird was principally responsible for the lyrics while Jackson set it to music. It was first sung during a Class-Day program in 1939.

Academic Attire and Regalia Cords

*A*s early as the twelfth century the first modern universities, at Bologna and Paris, were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of churchorders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head, and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms: some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear gray gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.

The hoods represented in MSSU ceremonies are a combination of colors from each of the collaborating institutions. Traditional colors and corresponding fields of study are:

Brown: Fine Arts • **Crimson:** Journalism • **Dark Blue:** Philosophy • **Golden Yellow:** Science

Lemon Yellow: Library Science • **Light Blue:** Education • **Pink:** Music

Purple: Law • **Sage Green:** Physical Education • **Scarlet:** Theology • **White:** Arts, Letters, Humanities

Yellow Brown: Commerce, Business, Accountancy

Regalia Cords

Alpha Chi: Gold • **Veteran's:** Red, White, and Blue • **Honors Program:** Green • **Athletics:** Green and Gold

Nursing Honor Society, Sigma Theta Tau: Lavender and White

Dental Hygiene Honor Society, Sigma Phi Alpha: Purple and Gold

Criminal Justice Honor Society, Alpha Phi Sigma: Blue and Gold

Respiratory Therapy Honor Society, Lambda Beta: Navy Blue and Green

National Leadership Honor Society, Omicron Delta Kappa: Braided blue, black and white

International Honor Society in Business, Delta Mu Delta: Braided gold and purple

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